

Stochastic modeling of neurophysiological and behavioral data: attention and decision making in rats

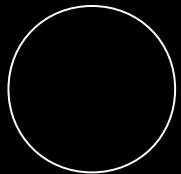
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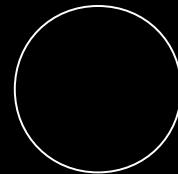
Covert attention task (Posner, 1980)



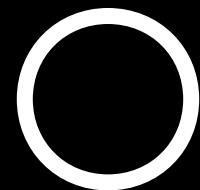
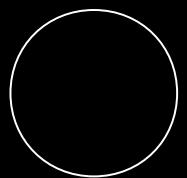
Peripheral valid (80%) cue



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Fixation point

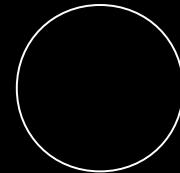
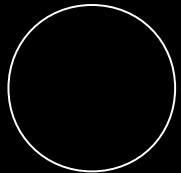


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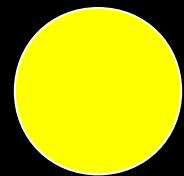
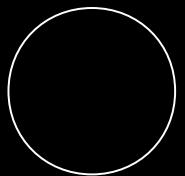
50-200 ms

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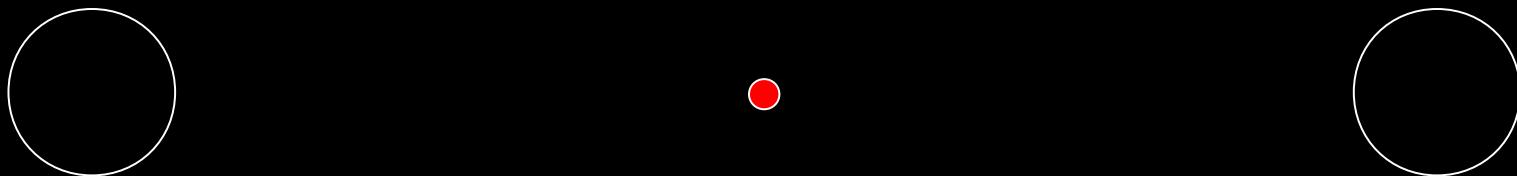
**Variable time interval
(ms)**

Peripheral valid cue

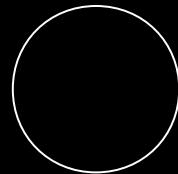
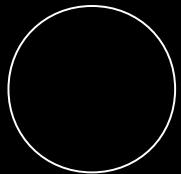


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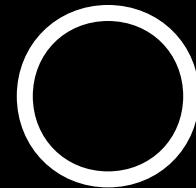
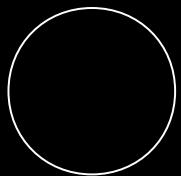
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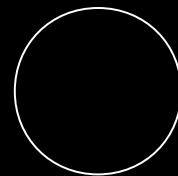
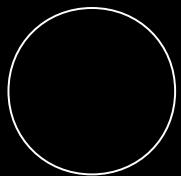
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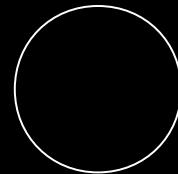
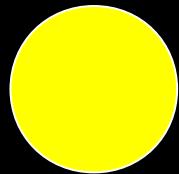
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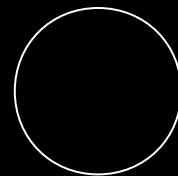
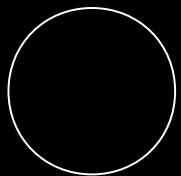
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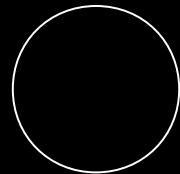
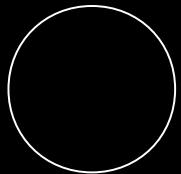
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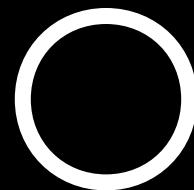
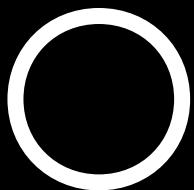
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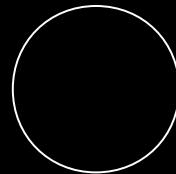
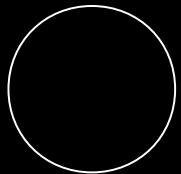
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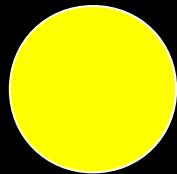
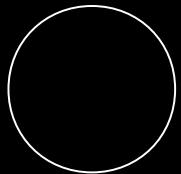
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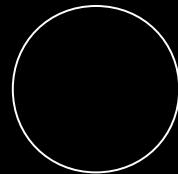
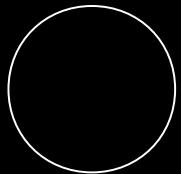
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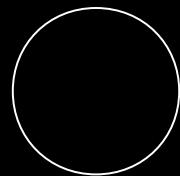
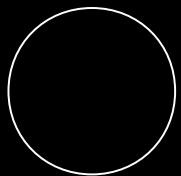
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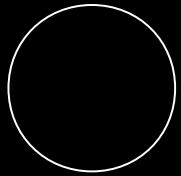
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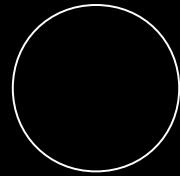
Symbolic valid (80%) cue



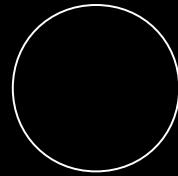
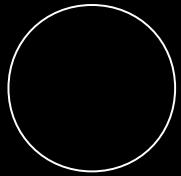
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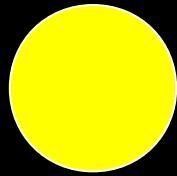
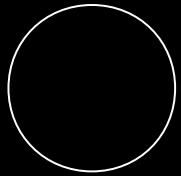
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A sequence of three symbols: a black greater-than sign (>), a small red circle (●), and another black greater-than sign (>).

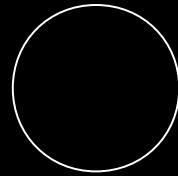
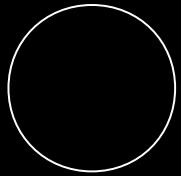
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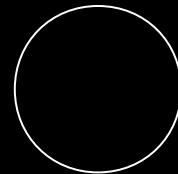
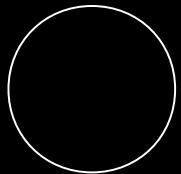
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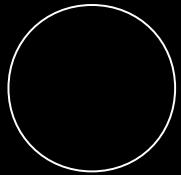
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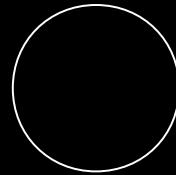
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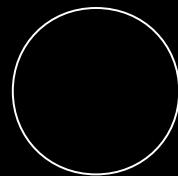
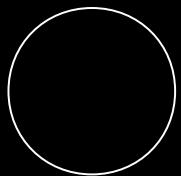
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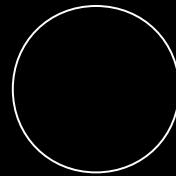
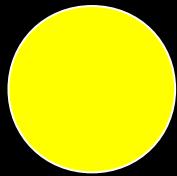
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The text consists of three characters: a black greater-than sign (>), a red circle (●), and another black greater-than sign (>). The red circle is centered between the two black symbols.

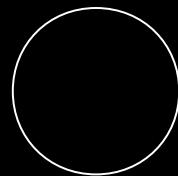
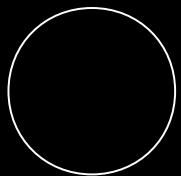
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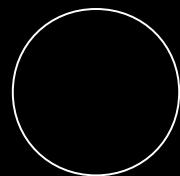
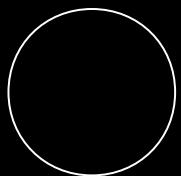
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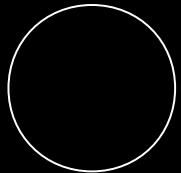
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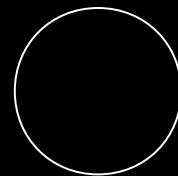
Symbolic **neutral** cue



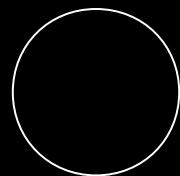
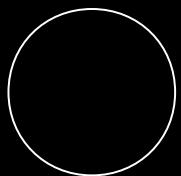
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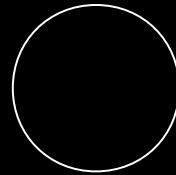
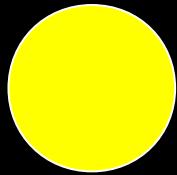
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A central text element consisting of two black angle brackets flanking a single red circular dot.

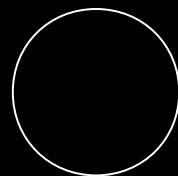
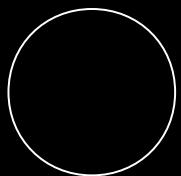
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Reaction Time (ms)



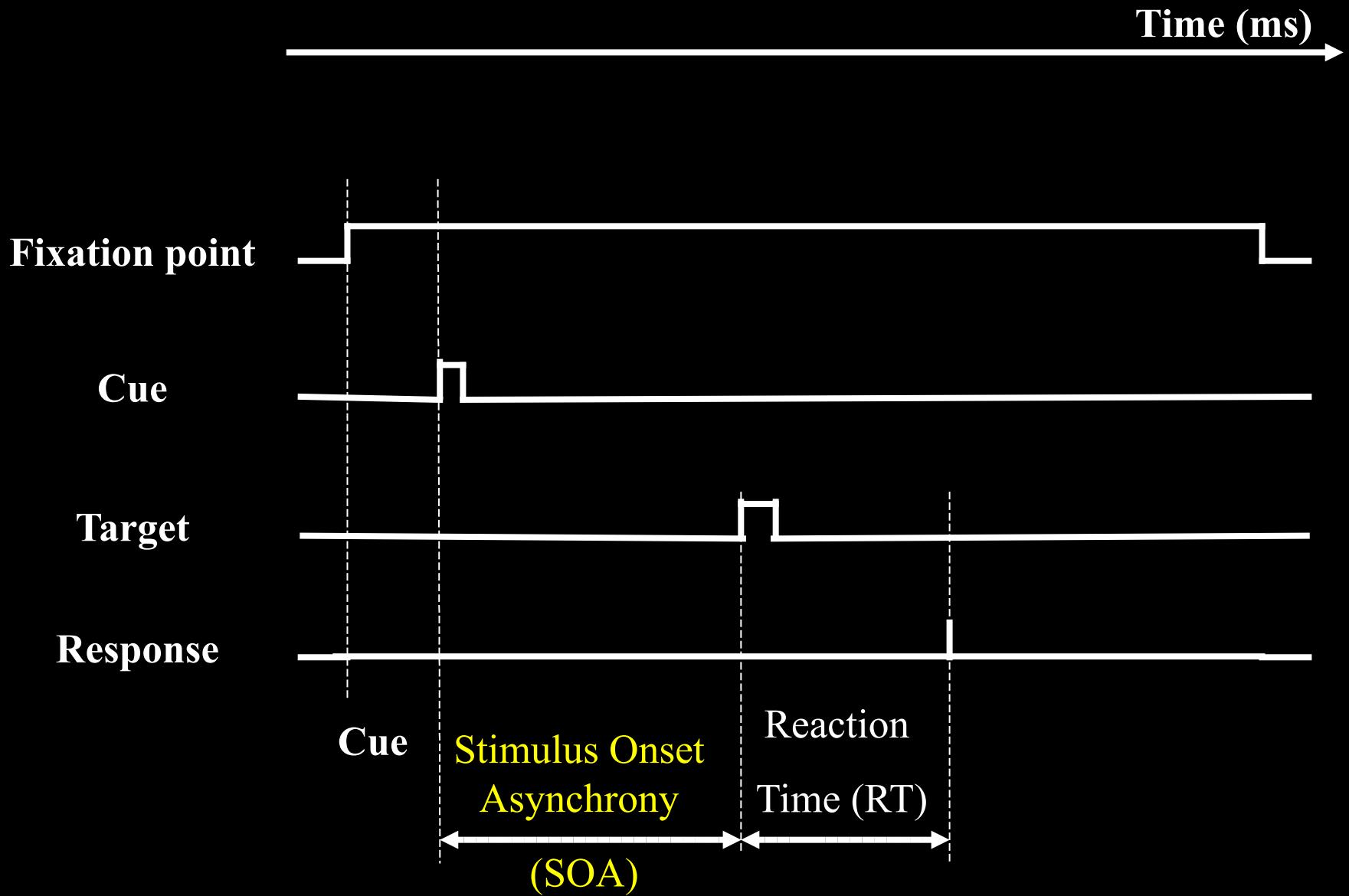
Validity
effect

Advantages

Same sensory information in valid and invalid trials; therefore, differences are not related to sensory aspects.

Same response in valid and invalid trials; therefore, differences are not related to motor aspects.

Time course of a trial



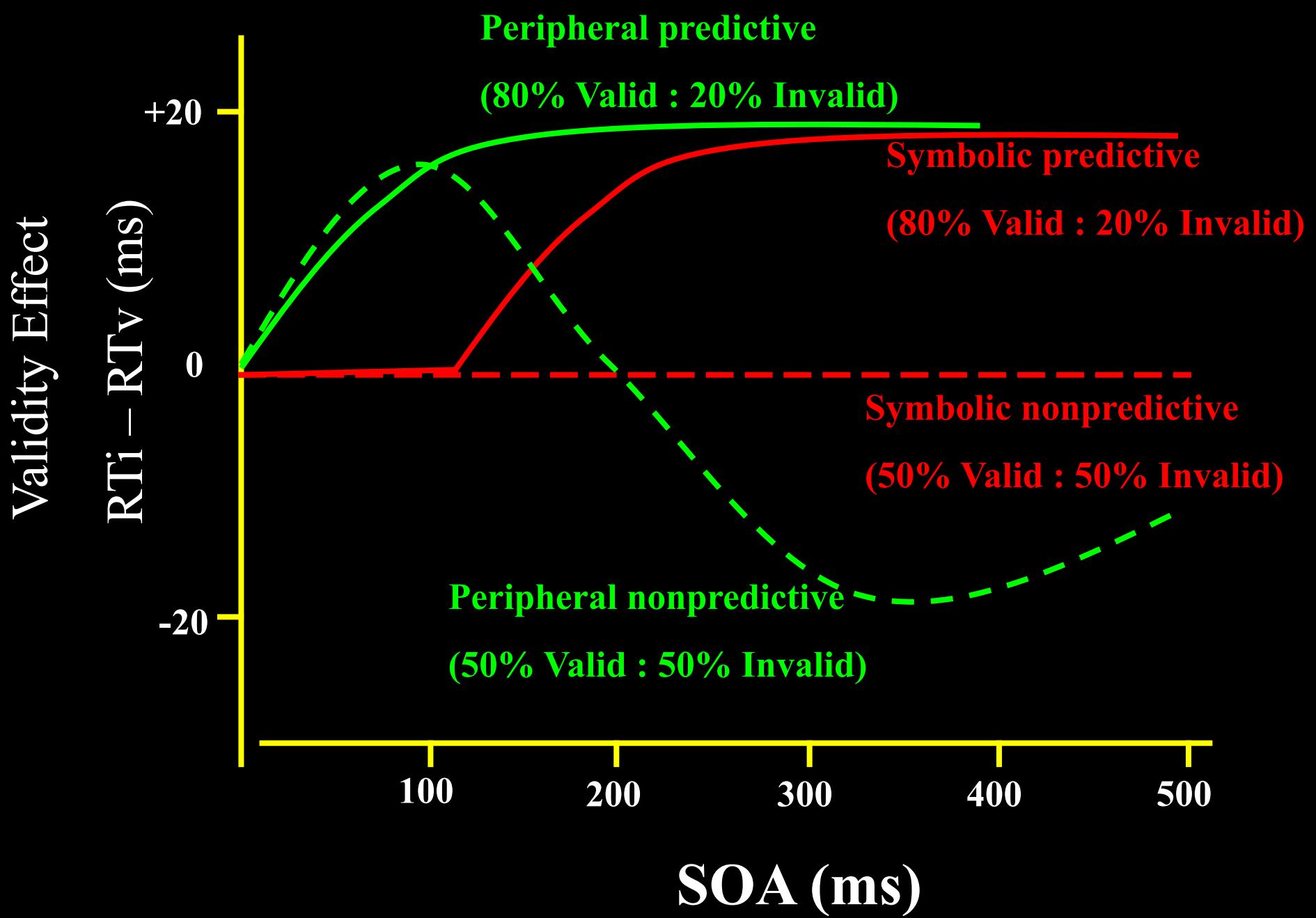
[Predictive (80%V x 20%I) x
Nonpredictive (50%''V'' x 50%''I'')]

X

[Symbolic x Peripheral]

X

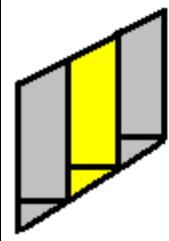
SOAs



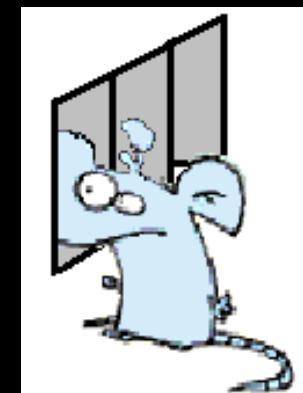
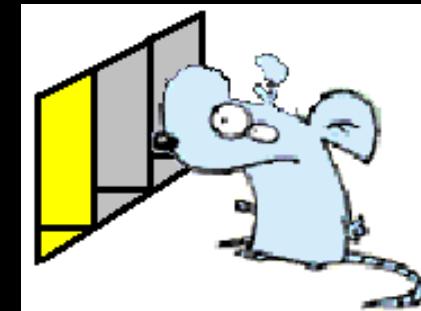
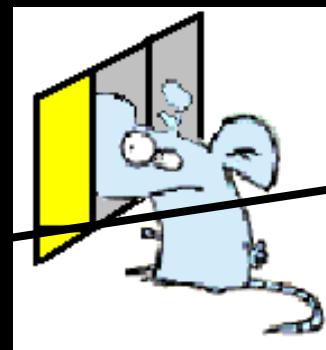
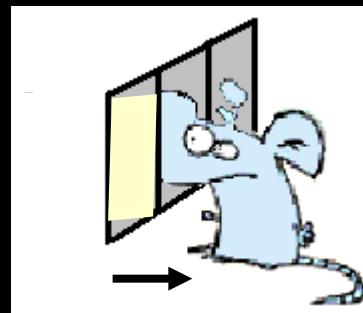
Adapted from Luck and Vecera, 2002

Orienting of attention in rats

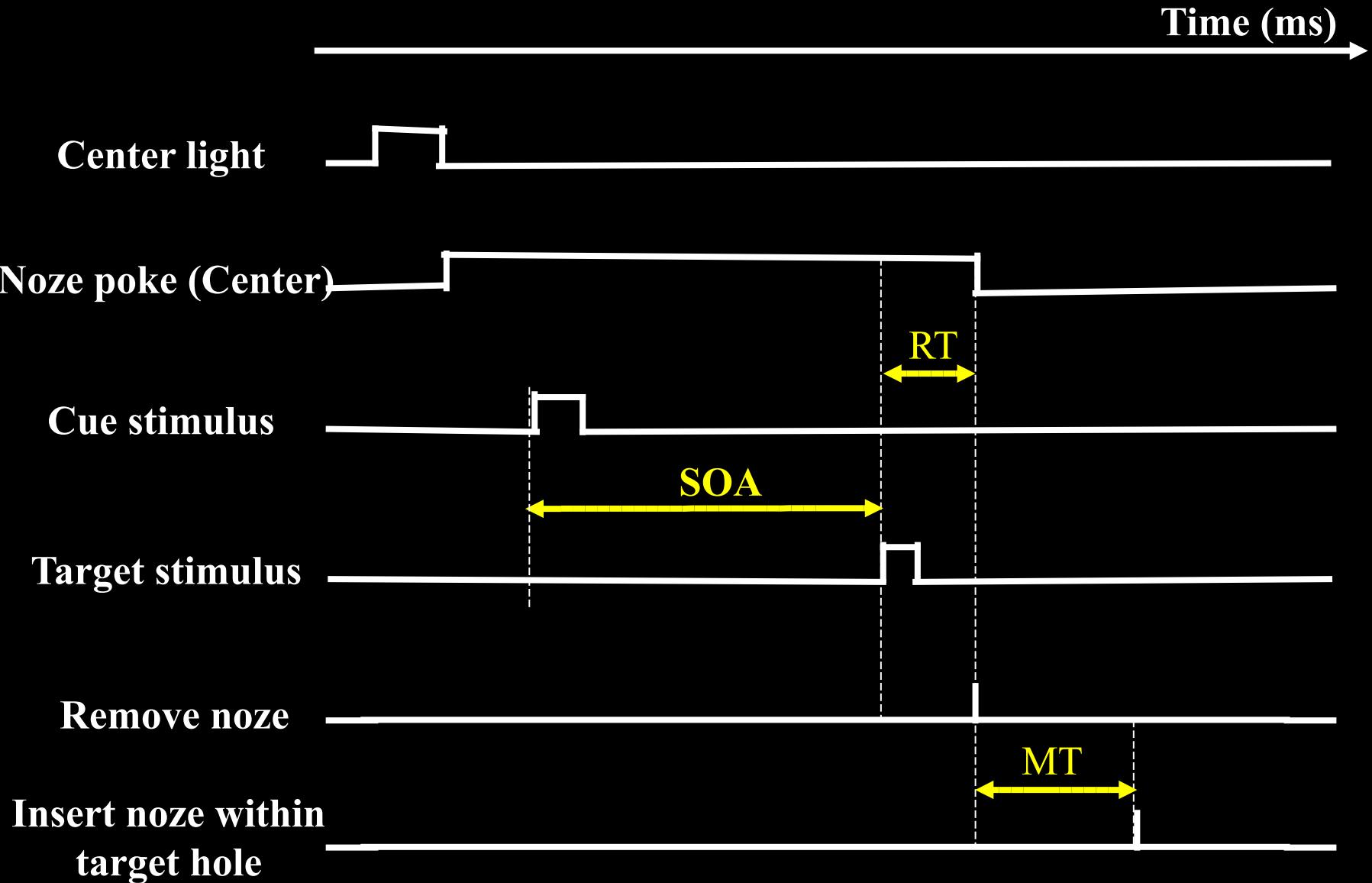




Peripheral cue



Time course of a rat trial





Endogenous-like orienting of visual attention in rats

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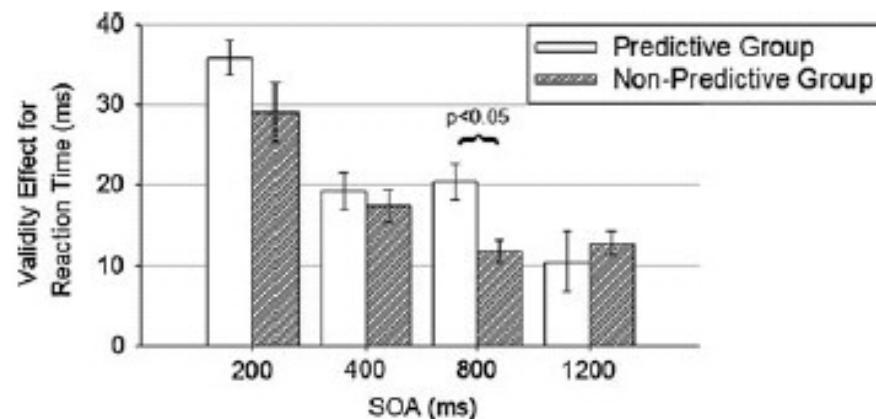
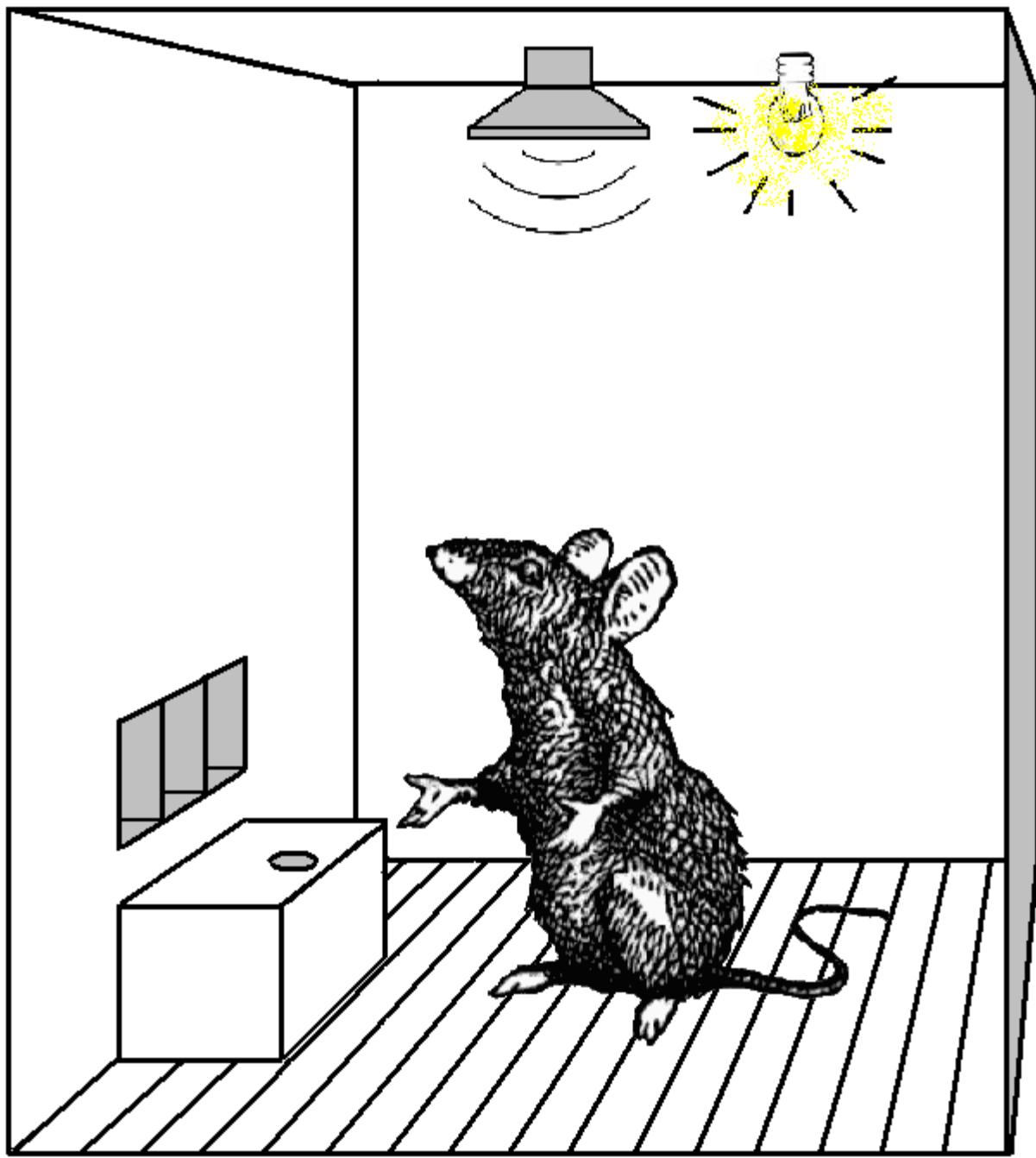
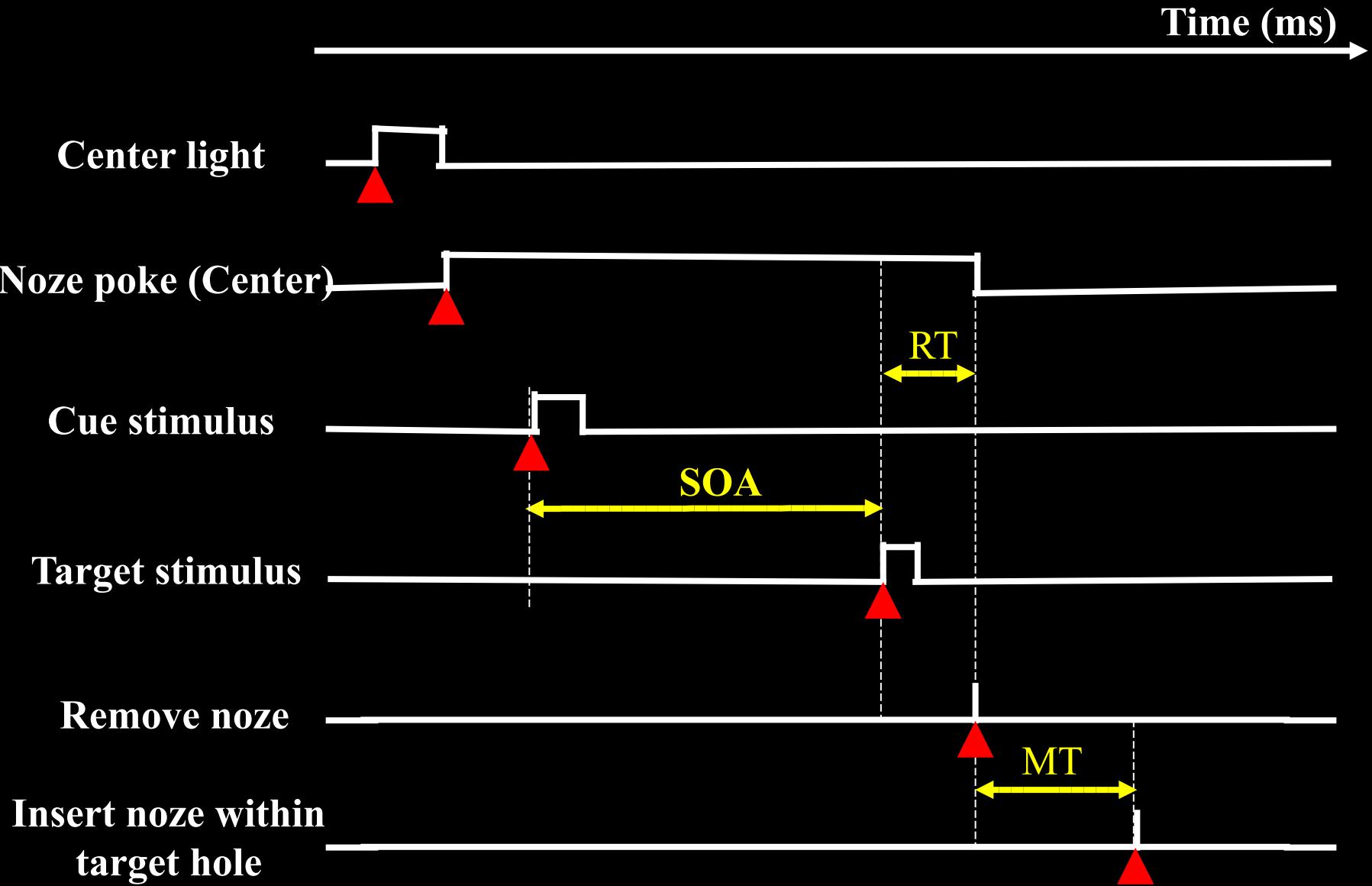


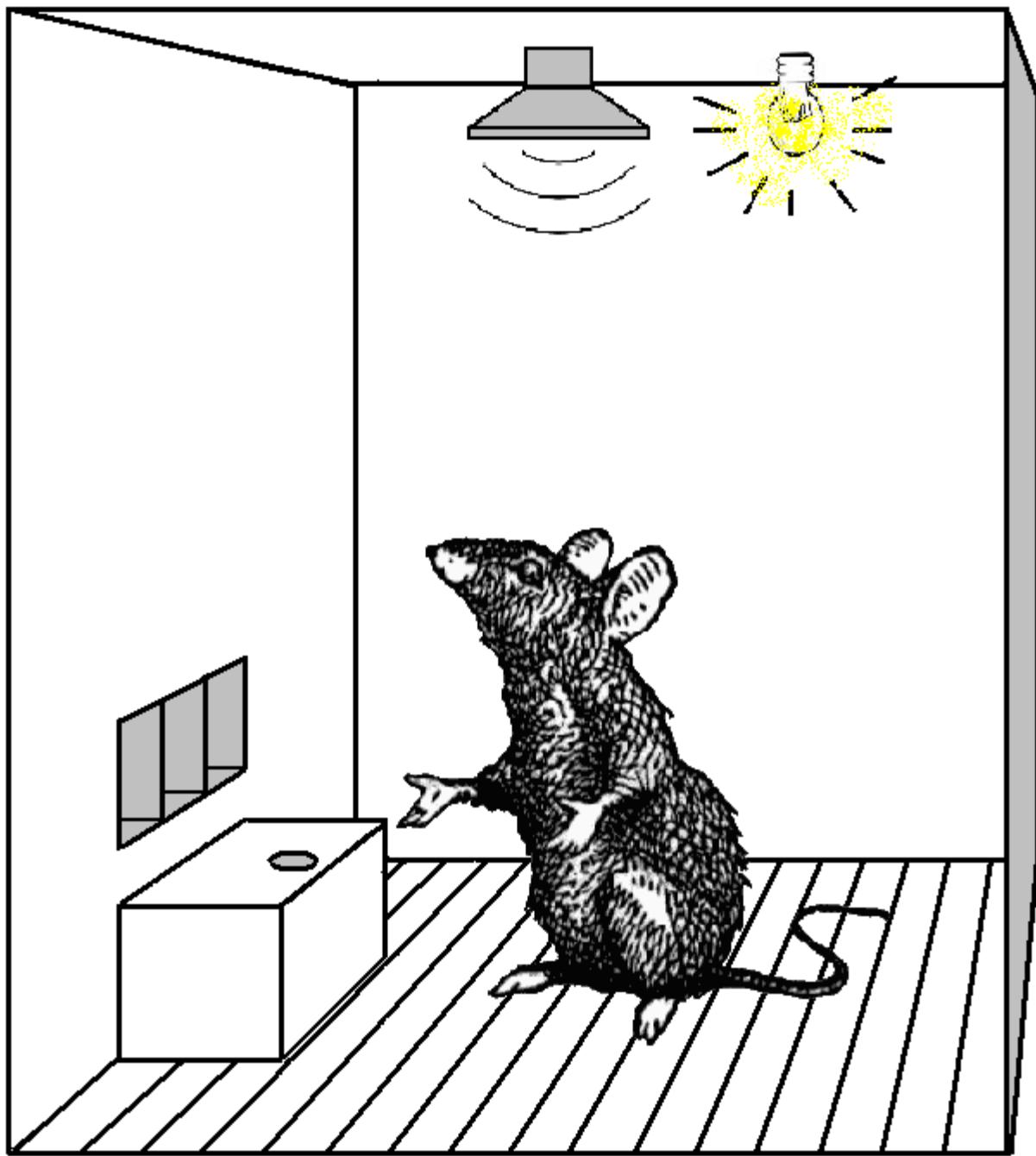
Fig. 2 Validity effect for reaction time (median reaction time in invalid trials minus median reaction time in valid trials \pm S.E.M.) as a function of SOAs in testing sessions for subjects exposed to predictive (Predictive Group) and non-predictive (Non-Predictive Group) peripheral cues

Multi-unit
recordings in
several brain
areas

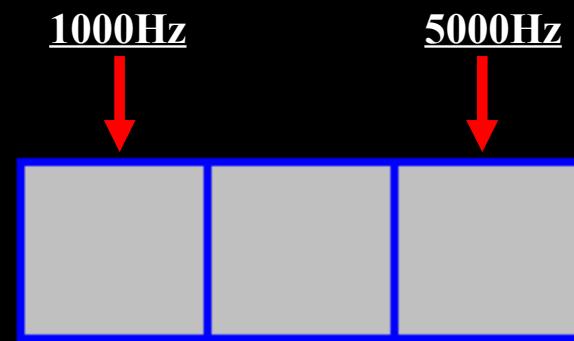


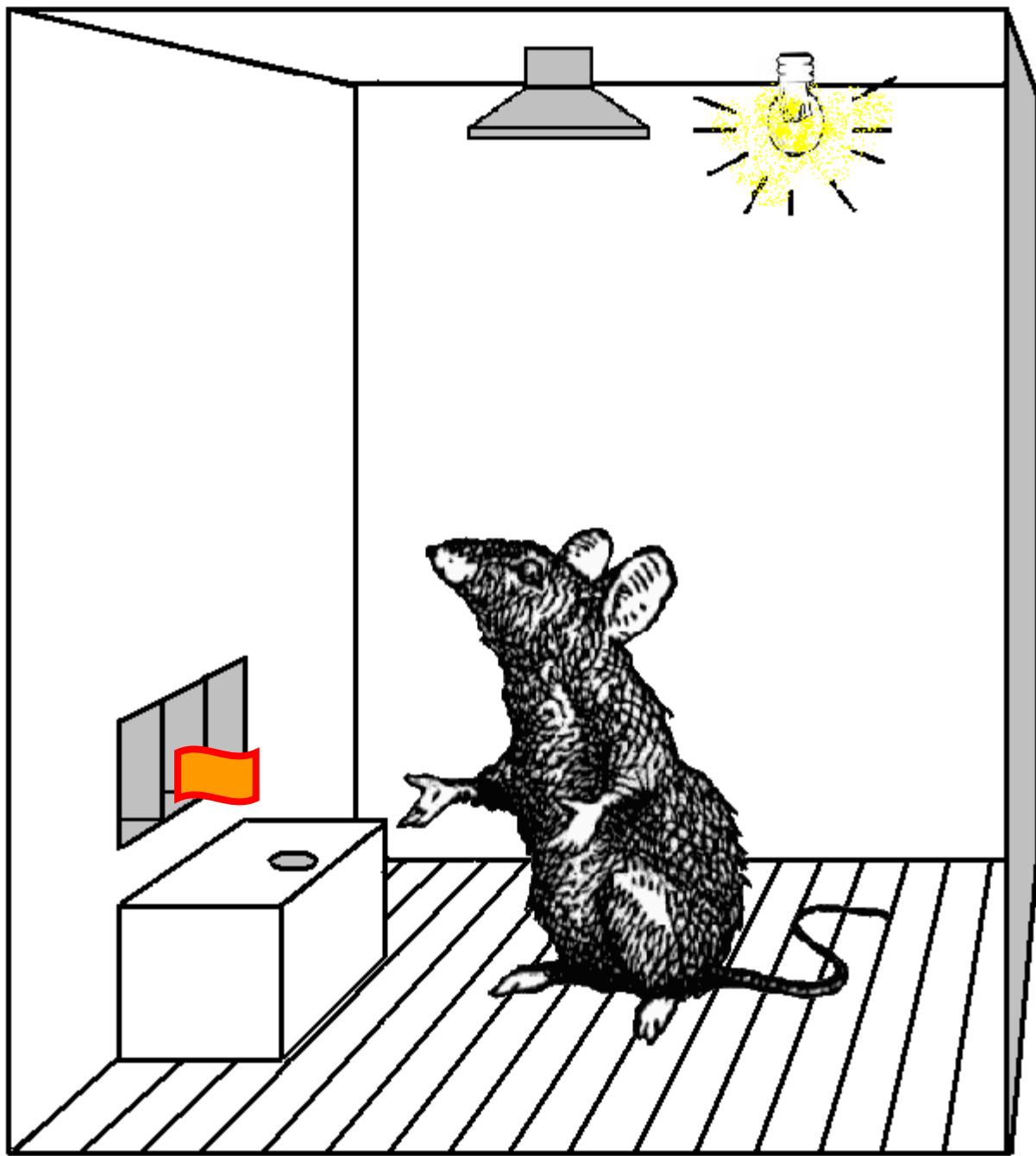
Time course of a rat trial





Symbolic cue using sounds



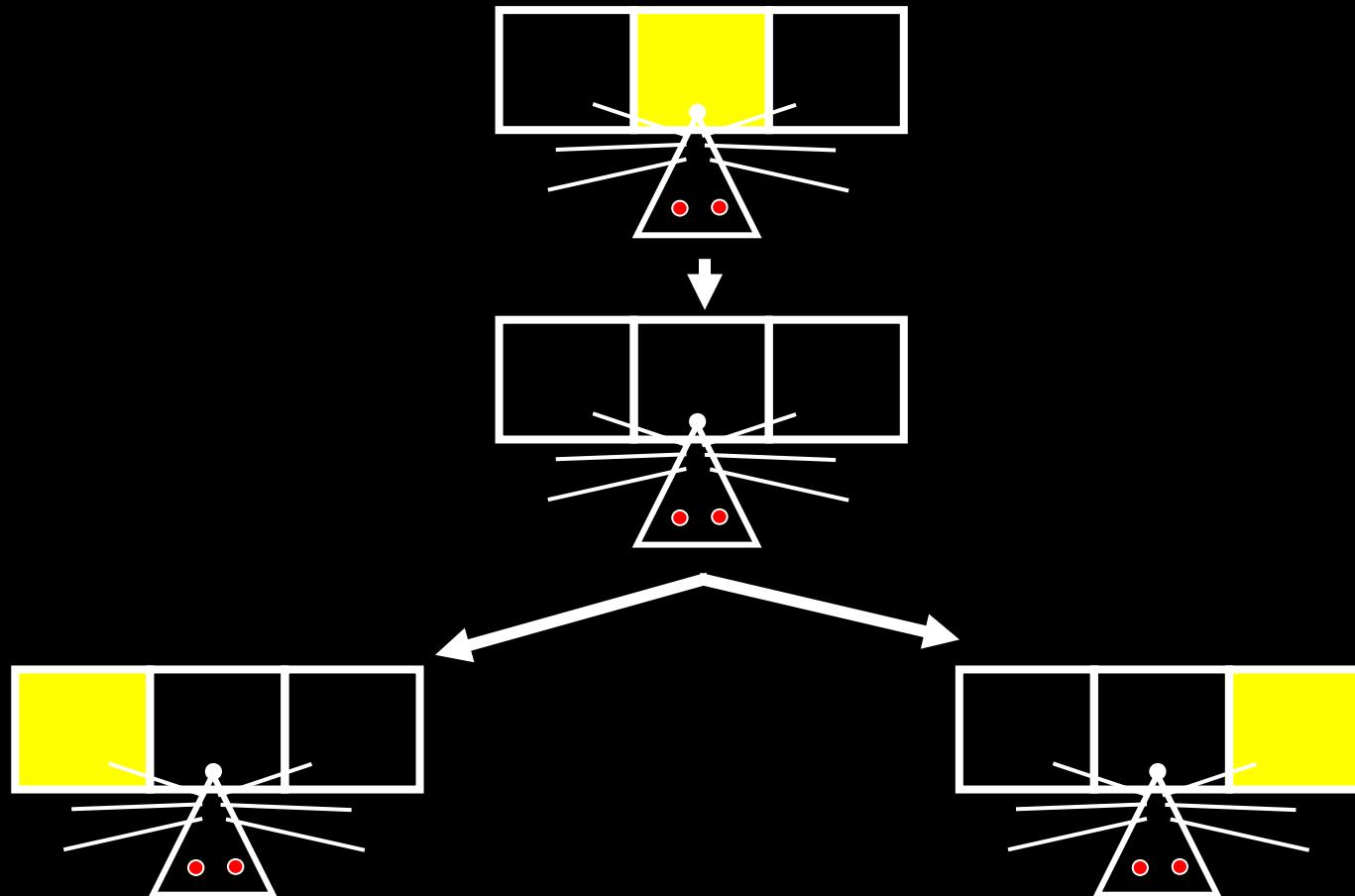


Symbolic cue using Odors

← Odor A
Odor B →



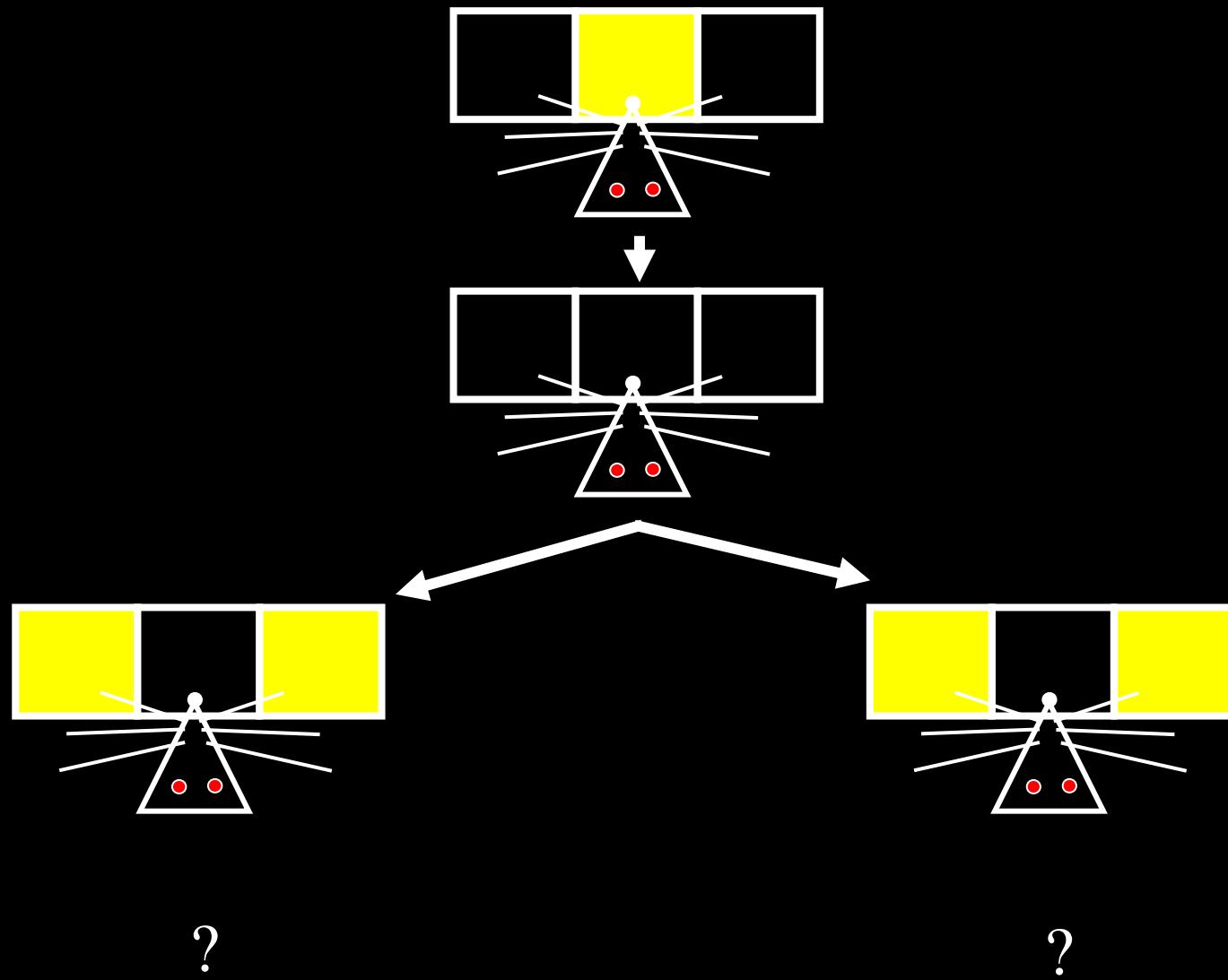
Decision making (Forced Trial)



one reward
immediately

four rewards
after a delay

Decision making (Choice Trial)



Serial Reaction Time Task

(slow motion and real time)

Click

Thank you for your ATTENTION